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1. The Prostejov-Stihovice Military Airfield II /4949N-1703E/ lay six kilometers from the center of Prostejov /Encl. A/. The Airfield was easily located by the lake which touched its southwest corner, and by the large castle, three-four kilometers west of the Airfield on the shore of this lake. There is another lake in the nearby town of Plumlov.   50X1

2. Most of the hills surrounding the Airfield were about 20 m. high, although six kilometers to the north a hill rose 200 m. above the level of the Airfield /250 m. above sea level/. Because of these hills, the grassy landing surface of the field was confined to an area approximately 1,200 m. from the northwest to the southeast limits of the field, and 700-800 m., southwest to northeast.

3. During periods of heavy rainfall in the spring and fall, flying was not permitted for two or three days to allow the water to drain off the runway. In winter, flying was often forbidden because of icy weather. Student pilots in the Advanced Pilots' Training School (Pokracovaci Pilotna Skola) located on this field [ ] were permitted to fly only under VFR conditions.

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4. The commanding officer of the School in 1949 was Major Josef KUBAK; Capt. Edward KRIZ was the Deputy CO. [ ] Edward   50X1 KRIZ became a test pilot at Prague-Letnany Airfield in 1950.

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5. In 1949, there were 15 Siebel aircraft assigned to the school and the in commission rate averaged 67%. Each aircraft had two airmen mechanics assigned as maintenance personnel and one sergeant was directly responsible for two aircraft. [   ] maintenance   50X1 as fair. This school had 30-40 men in the maintenance flight, which was supervised by an officer. The supply of tires, spark plugs, and aircraft parts was, in general, adequate. A magneto drop of 60-100 was considered permissible.

6. All officers and civilian employees of the Airfield lived in Prostejov. In the morning military buses ran from town to the airbase to bring personnel to work, returning them home in the evening. Buses did not operate from noon Saturday until Monday morning. No civilian vehicles were permitted on the airbase. If one desired to go to Prostejov, it was necessary to walk to the nearby town of Stihovice to catch a bus, since there was no airfield bus system. There were also 5 2½ ton trucks and 5 staff cars, all of German and Czech origin.

7. Gasoline of 90 - 95 octane was delivered from two fuel trucks, (capacity unknown [   ], by hand operated pumps. Oil came from 200 lit. drums, which were placed on a two wheel cart and pulled by a tractor; hand pumps were on top of the drums. [   ] tank cars of fuel by an Airfield building /Encl. B, Pt. 21/.

8. Only the guards had weapons, which were kept in, and issued from, one building /Encl. B, Pt. 12/. In 1949 and 1950, Siebel aircraft used for training were stationed here, although no bombs or ammunition were used. Serviceable engines were issued in hangars /Enc. B, Pts. 3 and 9/; unserviceable aircraft engines were sent to a factory in Prague for overhaul.

9. This Airfield used the same traffic control system as that in operation at Havlickuv Brod Military Airfield [   ] until July 1951, but [   ] the Soviet aircraft ground control system [   ] is presently used at all military airbases in Czechoslovakia.

10. Either 100 light piston-driven bombers or 100 piston-driven fighters could be accommodated in Airfield facilities.

11. The Airfield was furnished with electricity. There were no revetments, nor any defense installations or practices, other than the radar set /Encl.. B, Pt. 11/. All Airfield buildings were connected by telephone.

12. In 1952 [   ] Il-10's, built in Prague, were now based at this Airfield.

[   ] See also [   ] "Prostejov II Advanced Pilot Training School", and [   ] "Prostejov I Military Airfield"/

ENCLOSURES

A. Pinpointing Location of Prostejov-Stihovice II Military Airfield. Overlay of GSGS 4416, Middle Danube 1:100,000, Sheet U-11, Prostejov.

B. [   ] Sketch of Prostejov-Stihovice II Military Airfield.